

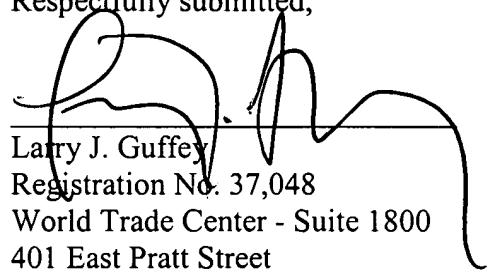
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In view of the above, it is submitted that the Applicants' amended claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 12-14 and 17 are requested.

Alternatively, if the Examiner does not consider this response to have placed the application in a condition for allowance, it is submitted that this application could easily be placed in a condition for allowance.

The Applicants hereby request that the Examiner establish informal communications with the Applicants' Attorney for the purposes of determining what further actions may be necessary to put this application in a condition for allowance.

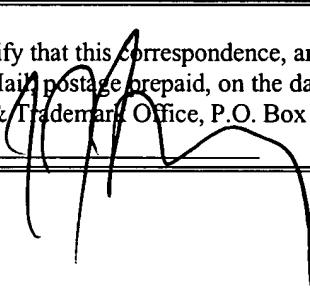
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